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CUMMINS ANNOUNCES HIGHER NATURAL GAS ENGINE RATINGS

COLUMBUS, Ind. (Dec. 15, 1997) — Cummins Engine Co. Inc. today announced the next step in the evolution of their heavy-duty alternative fuel product lineup with the introduction of the B5.9-230G and C8.3-275G natural gas engine ratings.

"The new power ratings for the B5.9G and C8.3G engines are in response to our customers' needs for increased performance in the same package size," said Tom Brosey, executive director - alternative fuel products. "These new ratings will more closely demonstrate diesel-like performance while providing the cleanest emissions levels of any heavy-duty automotive engine in production today. We expect these engines to be attractive to customers who will be impacted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Fuel Fleet Vehicle program in 1998 and beyond," he said.

With these two new ratings, Cummins six-cylinder natural gas product line provides the highest power per liter from the six-liter B5.9G up to the 10-liter L10G. These products cover the majority of applications today for natural gas vehicles in the urban bus and truck markets. These applications include school, shuttle, transit, refuse, delivery and regional haul. Cummins now offers a total of eight ratings for three natural gas platforms.

ENGINE PLATFORM	RATED POWER (hp @ rpm)	TORQUE PEAK (ft-lb @ rpm)	AVAILABILITY STATUS
B5.9G	230 @ 2800	500 @ 1600	NOW
	195 @ 2800	420 @ 1600	NOW
	150 @ 2500	375 @ 1500	NOW
C8.3G	275 @ 2400	750 @ 1400	NOW
	250 @ 2400	750 @ 1400	NOW
	250 @ 2400	660 @ 1400	NOW
L10G	300 @ 2100	900 @ 1300	NOW
	280 @ 2100	900 @ 1300	NOW

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"This announcement represents another milestone in the ongoing product development team efforts by Cummins Engine Co. and the natural gas industry," stated Vince Fiore, vice president and general manager - natural gas vehicle (NGV) business unit of Gas Research Institute (GRI). "These product improvements are designed to meet the customer need for natural gas engines that perform on par with diesel engines and offer economic and emission advantages. GRI and the natural gas industry have been proud partners with Cummins Engine Co. This latest announcement is consistent with their reputation as far and away the leaders in the heavy-duty natural gas vehicle engine arena," he said.

Emissions certification for 1998 is in process for Cummins alternative fuel product line to the California Air Resources Board Optional Low NOx and EPA standards.

"The NGV industry is very appreciative of Cummins continued commitment to the natural gas vehicle market," said Richard Kolodziej, president of the Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition, the NGV industry's national trade group. "Cummins is a leader in the medium- and heavy-duty NGV engine business. By making these additional engine options available, Cummins is sending a strong signal to fleet customers about the growing role natural gas is playing — and will increasingly play — in truck and bus applications," he said.

Like the L10G, the B5.9G and C8.3G spark-ignited power plants feature common technology such as advanced electronic engine management, closed-loop air/fuel ratio control, lean-burn technology and integrated sub-systems. The B5.9G and C8.3G production is at Cummins Rocky Mount, N.C., manufacturing plant where the B5.9 and C8.3 diesel, and B5.9LPG propane gas engines are also built.

Experience since 1991 with spark-ignition, lean-burn engines for bus and truck fleets has allowed Cummins to respond quickly to customer needs. Today Cummins alternative fuel engines power over 2,400 vehicles in various fleet applications operating with over 150 million miles in revenue service. Cummins acknowledges the support from various natural gas industry stakeholders including GRI and Gas Technology Canada.

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Cummins Engine Co. Inc. is the world's largest producer of 200 plus horsepower diesel engines. Based in Columbus, Ind., Cummins is also the leading manufacturer of alternative fuel engines, diesel engine components, service products and power systems. In 1996 Cummins reported record sales of \$5.3 billion.

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